

850

Great Mosque of al-Mutawakkid,  
the largest mosque known in  
Islam, built in Samarra.

850) Settlement of New Zealand by  
Tropical Polynesian Colonists - the  
ancestors of the Maori

850  $\pm$  50  
9th Cen AD

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Arabic numbers similar to  
those used today were only fully  
developed in the 9th Cen A.D.

850 AD — 1150 AD  $\pm$  50

Chaco Canyon

Occupants gathered their  
maize from fields 50 mi  
distant.

Had no horses

All on foot

Network of roads

Villages of Chaco Canyon housed  
6,000 to 10,000 people

Buildings containing 800 rooms

Also carried timbers 10 to 20 ft long  
from Chuska Mtns 50 mi to west  
Imprinted pottery

850  $\pm$  50 A.D.

Ancient Maya were shaken in  
9th Cen. by collapse of many of  
its heartland cities

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Rurik arrived among East Slavs  
(A viking)

850  $\pm$  50

In his Arithmetic, Persson  
Al KWARIZMI introduced the  
number system we use today.  
The Arabs call them Gobar numbers.

He derived this system from the  
Hindus & the value of the digit  
depends upon position. Zero was  
introduced & used for position. This  
system replaced later numerals that  
were generally used until end of Middle Ages.

by 850

The Vikings were giving the Slavs orders. Every yr, each Slavic family had to hand over to the Vikings, some kind of present - ex. An ermine skin. Banding together, they drove the enemy out. Then they began quarreling among themselves. They needed a leader about 850 Rurik, his two brothers and their family & friends came. He built



some settlements of his own. At Novgorod  
he put up more forts. He helped himself  
to land belonging to the Slavs. Before long  
the Slavs feared that Rurik was ruling  
them. Some of Rurik's group went south.

They seized Kiev & ran things there. They  
even made a raid on Constantinople.

When Rurik died, his young son Igor &  
Igor's uncle Oleg moved to Kiev. They brought  
soldiers & took Kiev away from the Vikings that  
were there. The land they ruled reached from  
Kiev to Novgorod. These vikings were called RUS.

850AD  $\pm 50$

China

In middle of 9th cen. A.D. came the great persecution of the Buddhist and other foreign religions in which, no fewer than 4,600 temples were destroyed and some 260,000 monks and nuns turned adrift. Until the time of Marco Polo, nothing more is heard of Nestorianism in China.

Persecution of Christians  
in Spain.

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PSEUDO-ISIDORE

Term applied to writings judged  
to be apocryphal and attributed  
to Isidore Mercator (died 850)

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Vikings hit London.